

## Community Events



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### ESC Pancake Breakfast, scholarships, meeting

A Pancake Breakfast hosted by the Enlisted Spouses Club (ESC) and the Chief's Group will be from 5:30 to 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 16 at the fire station. Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, hash brown potatoes, juice and coffee will be served. The cost is \$5.

For more information, contact any chief.

The ESC scholarship application packets will be available at the library in December.

The ESC meets the first Thursday of every month at The Landing with a social at 5:30 p.m. and a meeting at 6 p.m. Its next meeting will be Dec. 7.

For more information, call 784-3161.

### Running course

Because of deteriorating conditions, the running course behind The Landing is no longer authorized for official testing. It can, however, still be used for unit PT.

For more information, individuals should contact their Unit Fitness Program Managers.

### Positive parenting

Learn more about developmental education and parenting techniques for behavior and discipline that focuses on children ages 1 to 6 at the Airman and Family Readiness Center, 2 to 4:30 p.m., Thursday.

For more information or to register, call 784-4228.

### Positions available

The Civilian Personnel Office is recruiting for the following positions:

Engineers – civil, environmental,

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## Getting ready for Phase II

Airman 1st Class Sha-Hannah Rivera (front) and Airman Jordynn Lowery, 27th Civil Engineer Squadron, fill sandbags in preparation for next week's Phase II exercise. For more information on schedules, timelines and training tips, see pages 12 and 13.

## Questions answered about PRMC reductions

27th Medical Group

Plains Regional Medical Center (PRMC) in Clovis, N.M. recently announced they are reducing their staff. Also announced were changes in their urgent care center and a new surgery center in Clovis. The Cannon Medical Group has been in contact with PRMC officials and gathered answers to questions military beneficiaries may have.

**Q:** *Will these changes affect the availability of services or the quality of care at PRMC?*

**A:** No. There will be no reduction in access or quality of care. PRMC remains committed to providing for the health care needs of the military beneficiary population.

**Q:** *Does PRMC still have an emergency room?*

**A:** Yes. Nothing has changed with PRMC's emergency room. If you have an emergency, continue to dial

911 or go to the nearest emergency room.

**Q:** *What if I need urgent care but it's not an emergency?*

**A:** If you have an urgent care need during duty hours, go to the Cannon clinic at the 27th MDG acute care clinic, bldg. 1400. For after hours urgent care, you can still go to PRMC. They are transitioning their urgent care services to the Plains Regional Medical Group Same Day Access Clinic, directly west of the hospital on 21st street. Remember, you must contact your Primary Care Manager before you go to an urgent care center. You can reach your Primary Care Manager after hours by calling 784-2778 (A-P-P-T) and following the directions given.

**Q:** *Can I use the same day appointments available at Plains Regional Medical Group Same Day Access Clinic?*

**A:** For all appointments, except

emergencies, you must be referred by your Primary Care Manager.

**Q:** *Will PRMC still be able to take care of me if I need surgery?*

**A:** Yes. While PRMC anticipates losing some of its workload to the new surgical center in Clovis, they will still have a fully functioning surgical center. The new surgical center in town will also be a part of the TRICARE network, so some same day surgeries may take place there. The type of surgery you need will determine where your Primary Care Manager sends you.

The bottom line is you shouldn't notice any change in your health care related to the changes taking place at PRMC. If you have any questions concerning TRICARE, please come to the TRICARE Service Center in the Medical Group or call TRICARE/TriWest at 1-888-874-9378 (1-888-TRIWEST).





## NEWS

# Steady hands keep Cannon 'Hounds' fighting

By Staff Sgt. Francesca Popp  
U.S. Central Command Air Forces  
News Team

OVER IRAQ – “It’s more like trying to knock a melon off a post by pushing a 20-foot pole through a chain-link fence on a windy day.”

Senior Airman Jered Danielson compared operating the boom at nearly 5 miles above Iraq to a video game, but there’s more to it than just playing a game.

Airman Danielson, a 340th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron in-flight refueling journeyman, said passing fuel from the KC-135R Stratotanker to a receiver can be a daunting task.

“[It’s a challenge] having to know thousands of various procedures, facts and details about the KC-135, its systems, operations, limitations, air refueling and emergency procedures, and other technical details,” he said. “You have to be sure to stay in the regulations and technical orders, studying them so you know your job inside and out.”

Airman Danielson, who is more commonly known as a boom operator, said his job helps other people complete their mission throughout U.S. Central Command Air Forces

area of responsibility.

“Nothing happens in the [Area of Responsibility] unless a tanker is there to give gas,” he said. “Tankers extend the capability and range of all the aircraft we refuel. We fly hundreds of hours each week to ensure our forces get their gas.”

When Airman Danielson is not refueling aircraft, he’s sitting in a seat on the flight deck filling out paperwork and “backing up the pilots on things like altitude, ATC clearances, etc.”

The Airman, who is deployed from the 911th Air Refueling Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D., helps ensure that pilots can focus on their mission.

“The boom operator is an invaluable crew member that ensures the safe operation of the KC-135. The boom offers a third set of eyes, and as a qualified crew member, has as much responsibility in ensuring the safe completion of a mission as the two pilots,” said Maj. Dan Malles, a 340th EARS flying crew member.

“[He] is our eyes in the back of the aircraft. [He tells] us where the receiver is and the receiver’s position when refueling, as well as whether an unsafe situation is develop-



PHOTOS BY MASTER SGT. SCOTT WAGERS

After taking on fuel from a KC-135R Stratotanker four miles over Iraq, an F-16 pilot from 524th Fighter Squadron resumes close-air support over Iraq.

ing,” Major Malles said.

It was the final fuel stop of the seven-hour sortie for the KC-135 crew.

Airman Danielson crawls into the boom pod and lies flat on his stomach. He moves the chin rest to prop up his head and readies for his next move.

The 21-year-old senior airman moves a knob here, a lever there and works the

control panel, slowly lowering and raising the boom into position. Then, he waits for his receiver.

On this particular day, Airman Danielson refueled seven F-16 Fighting Falcons from 524th Fighter Squadron from Cannon, that are deployed to Southwest Asia. These fighters are only a few of the hundreds of aircraft the

Bisbee, Ariz., native has kept flying during his three deployments.

As Airman Danielson topped off the tank, the Falcon pilot came across the radio, “Thanks for all your work, and have a nice day.”

The Airman won the video game. He successfully knocked the melon off the post, yet again.



Senior Airman Jered Danielson refuels a 524th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon from Cannon from the KC-135R Stratotanker.



After being refueled from a KC-135R Stratotanker, a 524th Fighter Squadron F-16 Fighting Falcon pulls away to resume its close-air support mission for coalition forces on the ground.





## NEWS/FEATURE

# 40 Days of Kindness

## Airmen extend holiday greetings, American style

To my friends and family, all of Clovis community and Cannon Air Force Base:

The base at Balad AB, Iraq, has a project to give [Iraqi] children the love and kindness that we Americans give unconditionally. With the help of the Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) folks, who go outside the wire each day putting their lives on the

line for us, we will give needy children kindness, love, and joy with an "American style." As we kick off the holiday celebrations, we have also started to kick off a "40 Days of Kindness" Campaign called Operation Kindness Explosion. We need your help by providing us with lots of needed items so we may redistribute them to the chil-

dren of lost parents, and to the orphanages all around Iraq. Please send your donations to the address on the attachment I have sent. Again, we can touch children with love, one person at a time.

**Tech. Sgt. David Collins**  
**USAF deployed**  
**332 EAMXS / 524 EAMU**

### Suggested items for 40 Days of Kindness

Beanie babies (or other small stuffed toys)  
 Teddy bears (small sizes)  
 Hard Candies (no chocolate)  
 Toothbrushes, toothpaste, and small trial size mouth wash  
 Little toys: bouncing balls, hot wheels  
 Soccer Balls (not inflated)  
 School Supplies: coloring book packets with crayon/color

pens already inside, children pencils and pens, small stationery writing tablets  
 Sandals  
 Games — Space permitting, T-ball sets, ring toss or any small games  
 Bring donated items to Patricia Collins, wife of Sergeant Collins at 1492E Ardennes St. or call 693-4153.  
 Deadline for donations is Dec. 13.

## All I want for Christmas

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
 27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

An informal survey of Cannon's middle tier asked the question, "When you were deployed, what would you have enjoyed receiving in a package?"

Here are some of the responses we received, ranging from humorous to sentimental, practical to just-for-fun.

*No federal endorsement implied.*

Socks (white)  
 Cheap insoles for our boots  
 Plain notepaper/envelopes  
 Batteries — all types  
 New bedding such as sheets, blankets and pillows  
 A PSP game  
 Magazines for women, such as Vogue and Martha Stewart  
 New movies on DVD  
 Foot care products and general hygiene products  
 Darts  
 Pens/sharpeners  
 Mini lights from Clothing Sales (blue/green - not clear (takes away night vision), not red (hard to see blood on casualty or trail)  
 Clean white cotton rags for weapons cleaning (similar to a T-shirt)  
 Large zip lock baggies  
 Cheap hangers  
 Hand or feet lotion  
 Holiday decorations for tent  
 Cards from children thanking service member's for protecting this great country  
 Magazines and a local newspaper  
 A copy of USA Today  
 Notepads  
 Variety of magazines (PC, cars/truck, hunting, guns, etc.), chapstick  
 Insect repellent  
 Games (mainly small, one person fun things)  
 Crossword, word find, Soduko books  
 Drink mix packets  
 A CD with a video clip from our family. Similar to what AFRTS overseas does for the holidays. Recording messages from families and airing them

during commercials stateside.

"Anything that will, for even a moment, give that deployed member a sense of being home or even remembering a moment prior to departure goes a long way while deployed. Lastly, knowing that someone was actively looking after my family while I was gone enabled me to focus more on the task at hand and not so much on them."

Tech. Sgt. Kenneth Randell, 27th MDSS

"Some of the most important items were/are the simplest tangible items that remind you or make you feel at home."

Master. Sgt. Kevin Kruse, 27th MXG/MXQI

"Body spray for the women, the good smelly stuff. Flavored coffee creamer and/or coffee (ie...vanilla, mocha latte, hazelnut). Plastic coffee cups with lids, travel mugs."

Tech. Sgt. Maria Kio, 27th LRS/LGRMR

"I enjoyed samples from Mary Kay. It was nice to have the feminine things once in a while."

Staff Sgt. Beth Amos, 522nd FS

"This may sound kinda corny but, my wife sent me a 'Paint by Numbers' one time. It took a lot of time to do so it occupied my mind a lot."

Tech. Sgt. Scott McSchooler, 27th CMS

"I had my wife raid the dollar store back home where she bought tons of silly stuff, from hand held mirrors, miniature Christmas trees and playing cards, to those battery operated lights that you can stick anywhere. It was all a big hit, cheap, and interestingly useful. Especially the touch lights since we were in tents. They allowed us to read in our cubicles without causing too much light for sleeping friends."

Tech. Sgt. James Elmore, 27th FW/HO  
 "A teddy bear to hug and a picture of my children."  
 Master Sgt. Judy Payne, 27th FW/JA



## Operation Season's Greetings

### Those at home bring cheer to those deployed

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
 27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

Many stateside spouses are gathering goodies for their mates overseas, but stateside wife, Laura Cluverius is not only sending goodies to her husband, but his squadron team members in the form of "Operation Season's Greetings."

Tech. Sgt. Michael Cluverius, is currently deployed to Balad Air Base, Iraq, with the 27th EMS. "Being the Armament Shop Flight Chief there, he sees first hand how important morale is to our deployed Cannon Airmen and how it directly affects the mission," said Mrs. Cluverius. "We thought it would be great for our local community and military families here to send morale/care packages to all of our deployed Cannon Airmen this holiday season."

Mrs. Cluverius said that gifts help keep morale high and "lets our troops know they are missed, loved and above all that we appreciate the sacrifices they make for all of us on a daily basis."

With help from the 27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron, Key Spouses and the First Sergeant's Association, Mrs. Cluverius and her team are making headway. "It's hard to get a project like this functioning from the ground up in such a short amount of time, but with the efforts of all these wonderful organizations, I really believe we can accomplish our goal of sending at least one great morale/care package to each deployed Cannon squadron during this

holiday season," said Mrs. Cluverius. "Our goal is to have the morale/care packages off to the deployed squadrons no later than November 20th, to ensure adequate delivery times."

"Operation Season's Greetings" drop off boxes are in squadron areas and around the base. For more information, contact the Airmen & Family Readiness Center or Laura Cluverius at (505) 784-317 or ljf73goofy@hotmail.com.

Drop-off boxes are at:  
 the Airmen & Family Readiness Center  
 Cannon Federal Credit Union  
 Commissary, BX - Customer Service  
 Alteration Shop  
 Burger King  
 AAFES Food Court  
 Coffee Shop, Shoppette/Taco Bell  
 Post Office

Check  
[www.usps.com](http://www.usps.com)  
 for military package  
 mailing dates





## COMMENTARY

# Base namesake a leader in developing America's airpower

27th Fighter Wing Historical Office

When Headquarters USAF announced that Clovis Air Force Base, N.M., would become a permanent facility

effective June 1, 1957, it approved redesignation of the installation as Cannon AFB, memorializing the late General John K. Cannon, one of the nation's leaders in the development of airpower.

Dedication ceremonies took place on June 8, 1957, when Tactical Air Command commander Gen. William Momyer (then Brig. General) was commander of the 312th Fighter-Bomber Wing (now the 832nd Air Division).

**N**aming of the base in honor of General Cannon was the recommendation of a board of Air Force officers whose selection was strongly endorsed and supported by civic clubs and political leaders throughout New Mexico.

In praising the selection, General Momyer, who served under General Cannon in North Africa and Italy, said, "General Cannon was not only a great Airman in every sense of the word, but he was also a man of great moral courage, a humanitarian, a scholar of air power, and perhaps most of all, a developer of men in the finest tradition of our country.

"His contributions to the development of airpower during the North African campaign in the years 1942 and 1943 are the most important historical milestones in the emergence of airpower as a co-equal military force with ground and sea forces."

Born in Salt Lake City, Utah, in 1892, he graduated from Utah Agricultural College in 1914. Three years

later, in November 1917, he joined the Infantry Reserve as a second lieutenant.

It was not until after World War I, in July 1920, that he was commissioned a first lieutenant of Infantry in the Regular Army. Following his graduation from the Air Service Pilots School in December 1921, he began his distinguished career as an instructor which covered 10 years.

**H**e won renown as one of World War II's great tactical Airmen. He commanded support activities for the invasion of North Africa and in the Italian campaign devised "Operation Strangle" which severed Nazi rail transport to central Italy in preparation for the push on Rome. He directed all air operations in the invasion of southern France. The success of the invasion pays a tribute to General Cannon's brilliance and energy since it was planned in a shorter period than any other major operation of the war. On August 28, 1944, the ports of Marseille and Toulon were liberated 27 days sooner than planned. A German admiral captured at Toulon declared that it was the air bombing, rather than naval and artillery fire, which reduced the city's defenses.

In March 1945, General Cannon was advanced to

commander of the Mediterranean Allied Air Force, and three months later became commander of Allied Forces in Europe.

Perhaps rivaling these brilliant achievements was his less spectacular genius as an instructor and trainer of pilots which left an indelible mark on the Air Force. He trained hundreds of pilots during a 10-year period and among them were Generals Hoyt Vandenberg, Nathan Twining and Curtis LeMay.

Following the war General Cannon filled a succession of top flight posts including command of the Air Training Command in 1946; command of the United States Air Forces in Europe in 1948; commander-in-chief of Allied Forces in Europe in March 1950; and commander of Tactical Air Command in October 1950, his last active duty assignment.

**G**eneral Cannon concluded a long and distinguished career spanning three wars when he retired from active duty on March 31, 1954. He held serial number 3A, the oldest number held by any Air Force officer at the time of his retirement.

He died on January 12, 1955, in Arcadia, Calif., and is buried in Arlington National Cemetery.



ARCHIVE PHOTO

Gen. John K. Cannon was a World War II Mediterranean combat commander and chief of U.S. Air Forces in Europe for whom Cannon Air Force is named.

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## NEWS

# DoD task force considers safety crackdown for drivers

By Kim Sears  
*American Forces Press Service*

WASHINGTON – Servicemembers could expect stricter consequences for engaging in unsafe behavior behind the wheel if changes suggested by a Defense Department safety task force are implemented.

The Private Motor Vehicle Accident Reduction Task Force is looking at changing how the services handle driving infractions to help reduce the death and accident rates of military men and women when operating their own vehicles and motorcycles. The task force plans to submit its suggestions to the DSOC, undersecretary of defense for personnel and readiness, by February 2007.

For irresponsible drivers this would mean facing real consequences that could affect personal and professional lives, including losing the ability to be promoted and forfeiting driving privileges on base, said Maj. Gen. David Bice, inspector general of the Marine Corps and chairman of the task force.

“Much has been done to educate people about what can happen if they are irresponsible behind the wheel. However, there are too many people that hear the message, but don’t heed it,” General Bice said.

“While education on this issue is still important, the PMV task force believes tightening enforcement practices will be the most effective way to bring about change,” he said.

We are looking at ways to improve the department’s enforcement system and make it clear the military is serious about safety both on and off the base,” the general said.

In a June 22 memorandum, the Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld reiterated his directive to reduce all safety-related incidents within DoD by 75 percent by the end of fiscal 2008. The PMV task force is one of eight safety task forces under the Defense Safety Oversight Council, created to find ways to meet that goal.

To gain a greater understanding of current law enforcement procedures, the task force began examining how each service handles driving infractions and the maintenance of driving records.

“What we have found are a lot of inconsistencies -- not just between servic-

es, but within them as well,” General Bice said.

The department lacks a centralized system that allows for the sharing of driving data and sanctions between services and installations, he said. The task force is looking at ways to put such a system in place that also includes information sharing with local (motor vehicle departments).

“We want to create a commanding-officer environment off base, so troops know they are responsible for their actions no matter where they go,” he said.

“We are trying to build on the good work already being done by each of the services so we can preserve our most valuable resource, which is our men and women,” General Bice said.

An integrated system would allow law enforcement to draw on comprehensive driving record information, giving installation commanders the ability to make more informed decisions about driving privileges, said John Awtrey, director of law enforcement policy and support at DoD and a member of the task force.

“Having integrated electronic data would speed the process for taking positive action against individuals who would still be driving with the current inconsistencies in driving record information and data sharing,” Mr. Awtrey said.

The PMV also is evaluating a variety of other factors to determine the best ways to prevent private motor vehicle related deaths and accidents including, driving trends for 18- to 25-year-olds, the top causes of accidents, and leading indicators, or behaviors, that predict who is most susceptible to being involved in an accident.

Choice is what links all other variables leading to car crashes, said Renee Reitz, a psychologist overseeing the development of a Driver Behavior Assessment Tool, or DBAT, for DoD, said The DBAT is a computerized questionnaire that assesses how servicemembers’ personal attitudes and beliefs are related to involvement in vehicle crashes.

“I am a firm believer that choice is the key to safe driving,” Ms. Reitz said. “The work of the DBAT research team is focused on pre-identifying servicemembers who are likely to make unsafe driving choices based on the ‘self’ they put behind the wheel. We want to help servicemembers recognize their own tendency to make unsafe choices while driving.”



## NEWS

# DoD selects Air Force civilian for disabled employee award

By Estella Holmes  
Courtesy of the ASC Public Affairs Office

WRIGHT-PATTERSON AIR FORCE BASE, Ohio – The beginning of the award reads, “outstanding DoD employee,” defining a career marked by a strong work ethic and many achievements before mentioning the life-threatening injury that changed his world 11 years ago.

Paul Gabriel, an electronics

engineer at Aeronautical Systems Center's Engineering Directorate, will accept the 2006 Employees with Disabilities Award during a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in December. Mr. Gabriel was selected for the DoD award after having been similarly honored at the Air Force and Air Force Materiel Command level.

“Paul has contributed a tremendous amount of technical ability and hard work, with

increased positive progress and results for the Joint Strike Fighter team,” said Col. James Godsey, deputy director of engineering at ASC.

But the challenge of working on one of the Air Force's newest weapon systems does not compare to the challenge that Mr. Gabriel faced in 1995 when, while on his way to a class to complete his Master of Science in mechanical engineering, an automobile accident left him a quadriplegic with little feeling below the neck. His attention was suddenly diverted from graduate school to two-and-one-half years of intensive physical therapy.

Still, as Colonel Godsey said, “Paul has never let his disability get in the way of his dedication and talent.”

After the accident, Mr. Gabriel had to focus on learning how to do day-to-day tasks but his desire to get his master's degree remained. “I felt the need to finish what I started,” Mr. Gabriel said. He had to reinvent how to communicate, in a time before voice-recognition computer software. One challenge was how to dictate mathematical equations involving complex expressions and Greek

letters to non-technical helpers. He did his school work by patiently describing what to write and type to his wife and nurse. Mr. Gabriel continued school and completed his degree in May 2002, attending his graduation in his wheelchair.

When asked what is most challenging for him since his spinal cord injury, Mr. Gabriel said, “everything. Putting one foot in front of the other is rather difficult, but the most difficult thing is learning that I have a limited amount of energy. Before the accident I could plug away at a task for hours. Now, I must measure my efforts, as I tire easily.” Constant neuropathic pain in his non-functioning limbs also makes it impossible to concentrate enough to work at times.

Upon preparing to return to work, special effort was made to find the right job fit for Mr. Gabriel “based on his particular talents and special needs” according to Ann Kreider, his supervisor in the engineering directorate.

As a weapon system integrity engineer, Mr. Gabriel's talents were aligned with the task of designing an integrity program for the JSF.

“Doing the work is not a problem,” Mr. Gabriel said. “My disability is a minor inconvenience, which I have retrained myself to work around.

He often works from home using telecommuting capabilities. A special telephone and voice-activated computer were provided. From this venue, he is able to analyze systems for the JSF, making sure reliability, integrity, maintainability and durability are designed into the system up front when changes are cheaper and more efficient. Changes made at a later time might result in extensive retesting and modifications.

Mr. Gabriel works closely with his contract partners at Lockheed Martin Aeronautical Systems Co., Ft. Worth, Texas. Winning the award comes after years of accolades from fellow professionals at the plant.

“We are fortunate and honored to work with a technical expert of Paul Gabriel's caliber,” said Paul Watson, Vehicle Systems Integrity, JSF Program. Colleague Mitchell Ratzloff added, “Paul Gabriel's contributions to the JSF Program have been tremendous. I am proud to have him as a peer and colleague.”



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Paul Gabriel, an electronics engineer at Aeronautical Systems Center's Engineering Directorate, will accept the 2006 Employees with Disabilities Award during a special ceremony in Washington, D.C., in December.

## More than a DoD printer, DAPS serves customers worldwide

By Keith Beebe  
Defense Logistics Agency

MECHANICSBURG, Penn. – The Document Automation & Production Service, a field activity of the Defense Logistics Agency, has been serving the Department of Defense for more than 55 years. DAPS has been referred to as “DoD's printer” or the “quick copy guys.” DAPS has, however, evolved to be much more than that basic description implies.

“We certainly provide both of those services, but if you believe that is all we do then you are missing the full story. DAPS provides a full portfolio of best value document services ranging from traditional offset printing, through on-demand output, to online document services,” said Steve Sherman, DAPS director. “We are the catalyst for document automation in DoD by actively functioning as a transformation agent to move the department toward the use of online documents and services.”

DAPS services include building libraries of digital documents for online access, the provision of multifunctional devices that print from networks, copy, fax, and

scan in customer workspaces, and the conversion of paper documents to standard digital formats. “We want people to know that online document services are now the largest part of our business. They have increased by 114 percent in the past seven years,” said Mr. Sherman.

DAPS services are available at Cannon 8 a.m. to noon, Monday through Friday, said Paula McCarthy, DAPS customer service representative. Turnaround time is “almost immediate” and customers can either e-mail her at [paula.mccarthy@cannon.af.mil](mailto:paula.mccarthy@cannon.af.mil) or bring their project to her at Bldg. 600, Room 1030.

As a service business, DAPS has the value of customer relationship management and realizes customer service and responsiveness are the main differentiators to being the DoD's value provider.

“We are proud to serve the most demanding customers in the world – the warfighter – who defend our nation's freedom every day. Our customers regularly tell me their DAPS representative cares as much about their requirement as they do – that's the epitome of customer service,” said Mr. Sherman.

DAPS can provide training materials required for



military examinations, even in remote locations such as Iraq and Afghanistan.

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(Information was also provided by the 27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs Office.)



# Department of Defense Joint Traffic Guidance

**Vehicle operators on a DOD Installation and operators of a GOV shall not use cell phones unless the vehicle is safely parked or they are using a hands-free device.**



JOINT TRAFFIC REGULATION, AF1 3-218

**Using a cell phone while driving without a hands-free device will be considered a "primary offense." This means violators will be able to be stopped solely for this offense.**



**Sample Hands-Free Devices**





## COMMUNITY EVENTS

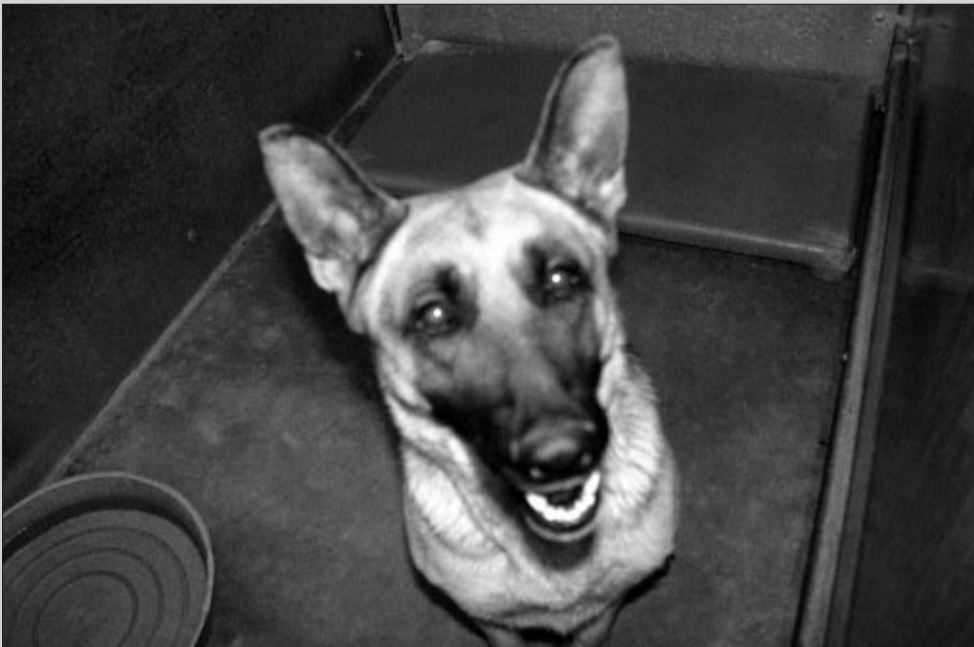


PHOTO BY GREG ALLEN

### ***Pet of the week***

This female German Shepherd knows how to sit, is gentle and is available for adoption. For more information on dogs and cats available for adoption, call the Airman and Family Readiness Flight at 784-4228.

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mechanical, general and electrical;

Nurses – clinical and practical; and

Emergency hire positions – several temporary positions are available.

Interested individuals should bring a resume to the CPO, Bldg. 600, room 2038 or mail the resume to:

**27 MSS/DPC**

**110 E Sextant Ave, Suite 2038**

**Cannon AFB, NM 88103-5326**

For more information, call 784-4848.

### Heritage Dinner

The deadline to sign up for the American Indian Heritage dinner is noon, Nov. 13. The dinner starts at 6 p.m. Nov. 16 at the Landing. Dress is business casual civilian clothing for all.

The cost is \$10 for club members and \$12 for nonmembers.

For more information, call 784-2123.

### Med Group Thanksgiving

The 27th Medical Group will have its annual Thanksgiving celebration 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 16. During that time, services will be limited; however, all personnel needing medical service should enter the clinic via the Flight Medicine Entrance. Patients seeking care from the Acute Care Clinic from 1 p.m. to 2 p.m. should report to Flight Medicine for care.

Pharmacy services will maintain its usual hours.

### Scholarship packages

Applications for the 2007 Scholarships for Military Children are available at the base commissary office or at [www.commissaries.com](http://www.commissaries.com).

Deadline for filing the completed application is Feb. 21.

For more information, call 784-4330.





## SERVICES

## Young readers tumble into a world of e-books

By Janet Taylor-Birkey  
27th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

TumbleBook library, an e-book program offered at the Cannon library is a new and exciting way to introduce and share a love of reading with children. The more than 100 books offered through Tumblebook include animated talking picture books, foreign language materials, chapter books and young adult materials, with new books added every month.

In less than three months, more than 165 patrons have accessed TumbleBook, according to Cannon librarian Melissa Haraughy.

Picture books allow the user to read the book using the manual mode, or to let the computer do the reading using the automatic mode. To assist in locating appropriate books, each text has a reading level for the automatic and manual modes. When in the manual mode, Word Helper allows the reader to hear a complete sentence read or to hear the pronunciation of a single word. Once readers

have finished the book, they have a choice of a quiz or a book report for extended learning. There are games and puzzles for several of the books adding interest for the younger reader.

The TumbleBook collection includes books in Spanish, French and Russian. These books offer all of the reading features found with the picture books including the opportunity to take a quiz or write a report on the book in the foreign language.

For more experienced readers there is the chapter book and young adult books, with longer texts promoting ease of use through adjustable font size and automatic page turning. It is easy to locate the spot needed by the using a bookmark or jumping to the correct page or chapter.

To access e-books, go to [www.cannonlibrary.org](http://www.cannonlibrary.org) and click the "TumbleBook Library" link.

(Melissa Haraughy, Cannon librarian also contributed information for this article.)



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### Punkin' chunkin' time

A young Cannon dependent prepares to let her pumpkin fly during the 2004 Pumpkin Launch. Squadrons, Cannon organizations and families can build a trebuchet or catapult to launch their Halloween pumpkins and bring it to Doc Stewart Park beginning at noon Saturday to launch them. A pumpkin bake-off, painted pumpkin contest and pumpkin weigh-off is also planned. For more information, call 784-6381.



#### Today

Conversational Japanese – 11 a.m. at the library  
Seafood Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Family Fun Night – 5 p.m. at The Landing  
Karaoke – 5 p.m. at The Landing  
DJ Night – 8 p.m. at The End Zone

#### Saturday

Turkey Tournament – 9 a.m. tee time at Whispering Winds Golf Course

#### Sunday

NFL Football – 10 a.m. at The End Zone  
Dart League – 6:30 p.m. at The End Zone

## What's happening?

#### Monday

Conversational Arabic – 11 a.m. at the library  
Melba's Choice – 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Landing  
Football Frenzy – 6 p.m. at The End Zone

#### Tuesday

Conversational Spanish – 11 a.m. at the Cannon Library  
Home Style Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
The Rocky Horror Picture Show – 6 p.m. at the End Zone

#### Wednesday

Conversational Chinese – 11 a.m. at the

library

International Buffet – 11 a.m. at The Landing  
Wild Wednesdays – 1:30 p.m. at Cannon Lanes  
Foosball Tournament – 3 to 5 p.m. at The Portales Community Center  
Kids Craft – 5 p.m. at the Clovis Community Center

#### Thursday

Thankful Thursdays – at Whispering Winds Golf Course  
Conversational French – 11 a.m. at the library







## Honoring America's heritage

Col. Scott West, 27th Fighter Wing commander, signs a proclamation at the base exchange Tuesday recognizing the contributions of Native Americans. He is joined by members of the Cultural Observance Committee. American Indian Heritage Month is Nov. 1 - 30 and ceremonies and events are planned for Cannon to highlight America's diversity.



PHOTO BY STAFF SGT. APRIL WICKES

# WANTED

## The Wild West Gang

Wanted  
for  
harboring  
a foreign  
national



Ray "International Man of Mystery" Clark

Wanted  
for  
impersonatin'  
the "real"  
boss



Scott "Ask My Wife" West

The Officers Spouses Club is looking to round up these heathens at their Wild Wild West Night from 6 to 10 p.m. Nov. 4 at The Landing. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All gamblers get \$200 in funny money and the chance to win awesome door prizes.





# Unit Spotlights



## Congratulations Cannon

### Logistics Standardization Evaluation Team winners

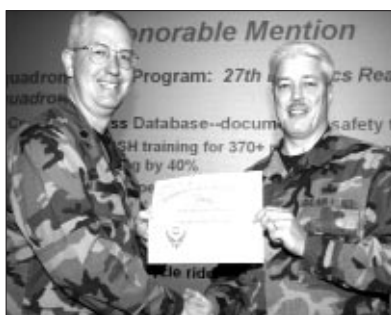
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Tech. Sgt. Luis Colon  
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron



Staff Sgt. Michael Wallace  
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron



Master Sgt. William McCormack  
27th Logistics Readiness Squadron



Staff Sgt. Dayton Wenzel  
27th Equipment Maintenance Squadron

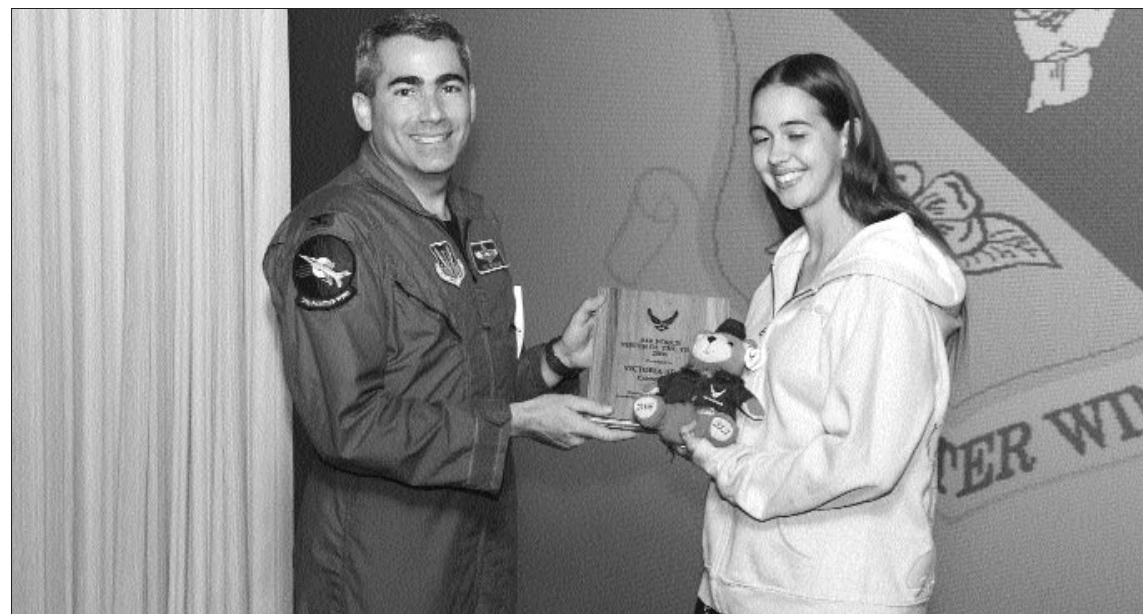


PHOTO BY AIRMAN 1ST CLASS RANDI RICKARDS

## Youth of the Year recognized

Col. Valentino Bagnani III, 27th Fighter Wing vice commander, presents Victoria Adams, 15, with the Air Force Youth of the Year award Tuesday at the wing headquarters. She was recognized for contributions to her community that included work with the Easter "Eggstravaganza" event, the Kite Carnival and attending the Boys and Girls Club of America leadership forums.

## At the Movies

The Cannon Theater is located on Torch and Ingram. Movie prices are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children.

### Jackass 2

Today at 7 p.m.

**Description:** After smearing the world with all sorts of the ridiculous, the original creators and cast of the MTV series are back at it again: significantly raising the stakes and lowering the bar, this installment in the "Jackass" and "Jackass the Movie" series unleashes a spirited mess of absurdity as the cast and crew gets even more ugly around the globe.

**R** – crude/dangerous stunts, sexual content, nudity, language

**Running time:** 92 min.

### Jet Li's Fearless

Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m.

**Description:** The son of a great fighter who did not wish for his child to follow in his footsteps, the bullied Huo Yuanjia resolves to teach himself how to fight – and win. Years of training enable him to ace match after match in his home region of Tianjin. But as his fame as a martial arts master grows, so does his pride. After an ill-advised fight leads to another master's death, members of Huo's family are slain in revenge.

**PG-13** – action violence

**Running time:** 103 min.

### Flyboys

Saturday at 4 p.m. and Sunday at 4 p.m.

**Description:** In 1914, "The Great War," WWI, began in Europe. By 1917, the Allied powers of France, England, Italy and others were on the ropes against the German juggernaut. Some altruistic young Americans disagreed with the war. They volunteered to fight alongside their counterparts in France; some in the infantry, some in the Ambulance Corps. A handful of others had a different idea: they decided to learn how to fly.

**PG-13** – violence, sexual content

**Running time:** 139 min.

## CANNON AIR FORCE BASE CHAPEL

### Chapel services

#### CATHOLIC

Religious Education	Sunday
9:15 a.m. (grades K-6)	
Sunday Mass	10:30 a.m. and 5 p.m.
Reconciliation	9:30 a.m.
Weekday Mass (M,W,F)	12:05 p.m.

#### PROTESTANT

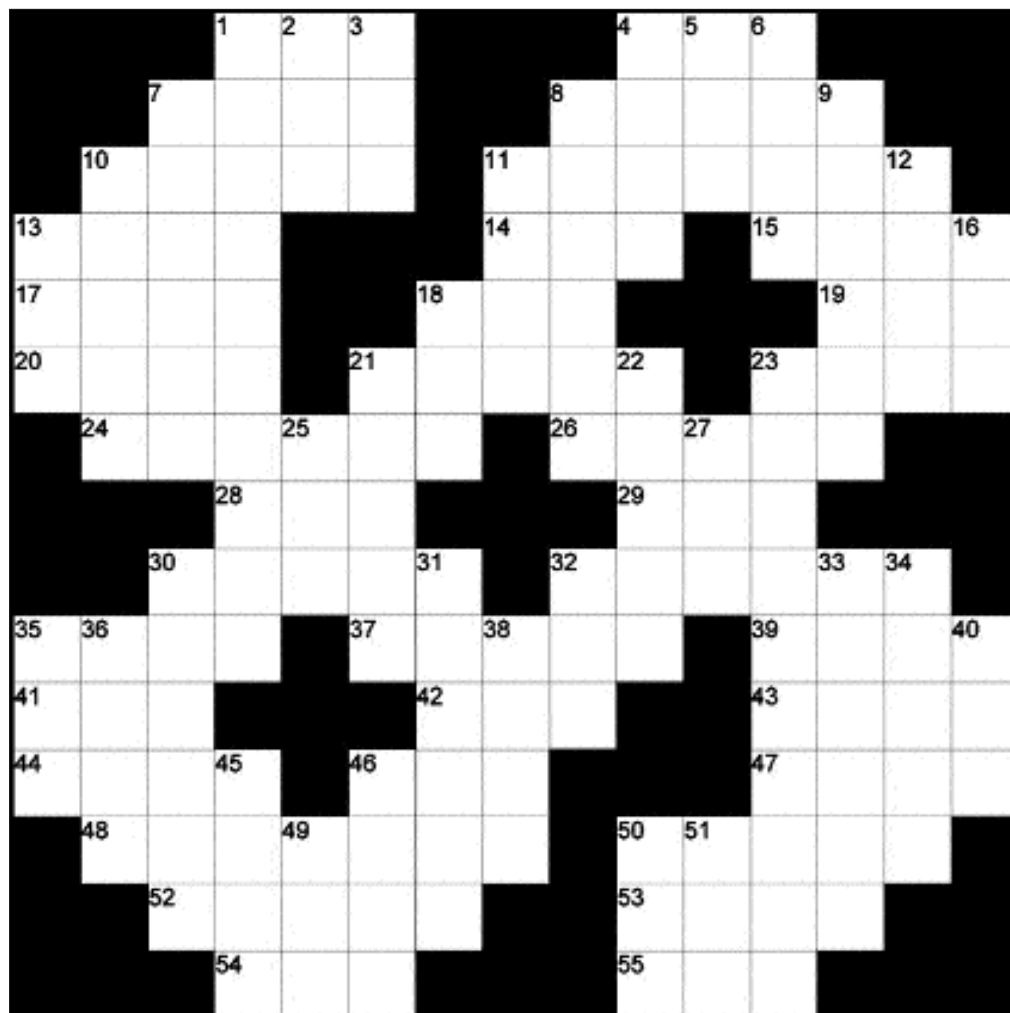
Contemporary	9 a.m.
Sunday School	10:30 a.m.
Gospel	12 p.m.

**For more information about other programs or other faith groups, call the chapel office at 784-2507.**





# THE LIGHTER SIDE



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## Native American History

By Capt. Tony Wickman  
71st Flying Training Wing  
Public Affairs

### Across

1. NY player
4. Health resort
7. Bellow
8. Gyrate
10. Actor Fonda
11. Patuxet Indian who helped the Pilgrims settle America
13. Water craft
14. Wilder play \_\_\_ Town
15. EU currency
17. Stick
18. Mil. intel. org.
19. Bachelor's spot
20. Norway's capital
21. Musical instrument
23. Void
24. Glue maker
26. Pub order
28. Large, flightless Australian bird
29. Rocky peak or hill
30. Effort to imitate or alter nature
32. Sac and Fox Olympian, pro football and baseball player
35. Anxious

37. Pima who raised American Flag at Mt. Surabachi
39. Not healthy
41. Metric unit of volume equal to 10L
42. Bungalow
43. Tidy
44. Composition for two voices or two instruments
46. Pro
47. Swinging entrance structure
48. Lt Van \_\_\_; Choctaw MOH recipient (1944)
50. Montana town
52. House Ways and \_\_\_ committee
53. TV show \_\_\_ & Andy
54. Giant great Mel
55. Jogged

### Down

1. Lt Jack \_\_\_; Cherokee MOH recipient (1944)
2. Listening tool?
3. Attempt
4. San Antonio player
5. Actress Zadora
6. Diary of \_\_\_ Frank
7. Product packaged to replace the used contents of a container
8. Brief sudden violent wind-storm
9. State of reduced or suspended

- ed sensibility
10. Space between the bows and anchors of a ship
11. Dirt
12. Spoken rather than written
13. Comm. person in air base defense
16. Lyrical poem
18. \_\_\_ Moines
21. Infatuation
22. Vows
23. Chickasaw Lt. Cmdr. John \_\_\_; first Native American astronaut
25. Ambulance worker
27. Sentimental drivel
30. Brightly shining
31. Crude or brutish people
32. Vietnamese lunar New Year
33. Cloth folds
34. To make proud
35. Cartoon Ed, \_\_, Eddy
36. Cover with a soft adhesive substance
38. Central Asian people domed, portable tent
40. Sault \_\_\_ Marie
45. Palm product
46. Complete set of type of one size and face
49. Obese
50. Prohibit
51. Actress Thurman





## SPORTS AND HEALTH

# NFL team welcomes home warfighters

By Tech. Sgt. Ben Gonzales  
Air Force Print News

CHARLOTTE, N.C. - Homecomings are times of celebrations to honor those coming back from a time away from those who care for them. The NFL Carolina Panthers organization and players gave returning servicemembers the ultimate fan experience with Operation Welcome Home Oct. 24 at Bank of America Stadium here.

Two members from the Air Force, Army, Navy and Marine Corps as well as several Army and Air National Guard members were welcomed into the home of the Carolina Panthers for a behind-the-scenes look at the pro football team and met four Panthers stars. Each uniformed member also was able to bring up to four family members or close friends to

share in the experience.

The servicemembers toured the weight room, stepped on the Bank of America grass, visited the owner's suite with a commanding view of the field and city, and then went to the players' locker room. As they left the locker room, the military members went into a conference room and meet current Panthers stars Mike Minter, Mike Rucker, Brad Hoover and Chris Draft.

The players then took turns asking questions of the military members who all served overseas in the war on terrorism and heard personal accounts of servicemembers' experiences and emotions while deployed for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Operation Enduring Freedom. The Panthers players took the time to talk to and take a photo with each military member. Later they all had a meal together

and the NFL stars signed autographs.

Tech. Sgt. Curtis Jamison, the NCO in charge of radio maintenance for the 437th Communications Squadron at Charleston Air Force Base, S.C., was one of the military members the Panthers honored. While serving as a land mobile radio policy manager with an Army Signal Brigade in Iraq, Sergeant Jamison was injured June 22, 2005, when a mortar attack hit his living quarters he was taking shelter in. Shrapnel ripped through his left foot and right leg and later that day was medevaced out to save his foot. Five days later he was in the home of his wife, Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Shereda Jamison, Jacksonville, Fla. Sergeant Jamison received the Purple Heart for his wounds and still walks with difficulty and a slight limp.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. LARRY SIMMONS

Staff Sgt. Steven Stone, wife Melissa and son Gavin, 2, view an encased Carolina Panthers helmet while at the Bank of America Stadium, Charlotte, N.C., as part of Operation Welcome Home, on Oct. 24. Sergeant Stone is with the 437th Civil Engineering Squadron, Charleston Air Force Base, S.C.

When asked by Panthers fullback Brad Hoover what he enjoys most about being home, Sergeant Jamison replied, "How free we are. We take a lot for granted and seeing how [Iraqis] live, it makes you re-evaluate your life."

"This was an awesome time," said Aaron Banks, the 15-year-old stepson of Sergeant Jamison who spent the day with the Panthers. "I now have a few things to throw in my friends' faces."

Also participating in the Panthers Operation Welcome Home was Staff Sgt. Steven Stone, an explosive ordnance disposal technician from the 437th Civil Engineer Squadron at Charleston AFB. While serving in Afghanistan from May through September 2005, he earned the Army Commendation Medal for saving three military engineers lives who were injured when they stepped on a land mine and treated them until Army medics arrived. Sergeant Stone brought his wife, Melissa, and two sons Gavin and Kasen, for the up-close look at the Panthers stadium and to meet the players.

"Today was so exciting," said Navy Seaman Eric Taylor from Navy Hospital Charleston in

South Carolina, who served as a hospital corpsman treating American and coalition troops injured from February to August 2006 while serving in Qatar. "It really made me realize people appreciate what we do."

"Doing this is something close to my heart - having some of my family members serve and just being able to give back is so important," said Panthers defensive end Mike Rucker, whose brother served in the Navy and grandfather and cousin served in the Army. "It's the least I can do. They are the real heroes."

"This experience was great," said Army Sgt. 1st Class Jeff Crisco, an operations battle captain for Charlie Company of the 505th Combat Heavy Engineers for the Army National Guard in Lexington, N.C. Sergeant Crisco served almost 12 months in Iraq building living quarters and shelters for Iraqi army and coalition troops. "We are doing a lot of good for Iraqis, and a tribute like this today means all the good we do is making a difference."

"Any time I can give back and show how I feel about what [military members] do, that is what life is all about," said 10-year Panthers safety Mike Minter.



PHOTO BY TECH. SGT. SCOTT MCKAY

## 27th MSS wins health challenge trophy

Staff Sgt. Amber Robbins, 27th Mission Support Squadron, displays the Cannon Community Health Challenge trophy presented to her and unit first sergeant, Master Sgt. Robert Sobush, by Col. Valentino Bagnani III, 27th vice wing commander on Tuesday. The squadron was the first recipient of the traveling trophy presented quarterly by the wing to recognize unit initiatives that promote a healthier lifestyle. Some of the criteria used to evaluate units include tobacco cessation efforts and the percentage of Airmen who receive good or excellent rating on their physical training test. The 27th MSS also received a check for \$327.27.





## SPORTS SHORTS



Turn slip in to the Public Affairs office by 4:30 p.m. today. They are located in Bldg 600, suite 1099.

The participant who picks the most winners will win a free large one-topping pizza from the End Zone. The name will be announced next week.

### Sunday Week 9 Schedule

Kansas City at St. Louis	11 a.m.	CBS
Houston at N.Y. Giants	11 a.m.	CBS
Tennessee at Jacksonville	11 a.m.	CBS
New Orleans at Tampa Bay	11 a.m.	Fox
Dallas at Washington	11 a.m.	Fox
Miami at Chicago	11 a.m.	CBS
Green Bay at Buffalo	11 a.m.	Fox
Cincinnati at Baltimore	11 a.m.	CBS
Atlanta at Detroit	11 a.m.	Fox
Minnesota at San Francisco	2 p.m.	Fox
Denver at Pittsburgh	2:15 p.m.	CBS
Cleveland at San Diego	2:15 p.m.	CBS
Indianapolis at New England	8:15 p.m.	NBC

### Monday

Oakland at Seattle 8:30 p.m. ESPN  
— Bye: N.Y. Jets, Philadelphia, Arizona, Carolina



Football Genie

Circle winners and turn into Public Affairs by 4:30 p.m. today.

Congratulations to last week's winner, Richard Ault, 27th Fighter Wing Protocol

Name/Unit/Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Total Monday points (tie breaker) \_\_\_\_\_

## Cannon Lanes

**Family Fun Night** – For \$1.75 per game, bowl from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Saturday. Bumpers are available for youngsters.

**Cosmic Bowling** – 9 p.m. to midnight, Saturday, \$2.50 per game.

**Family Bowl-a-Rama** – On Nov. 17 bowl two hours with up to six family members on a lane for \$12. The price includes shoes and a pitcher of soda.

Lanes must be assigned between 5p.m. and 7 p.m.

## Whispering Winds Golf Course

**Senior Days** – Senior golfers, 50 years and older, receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals on Monday and Friday.

**Retiree Wednesdays** – Golfers with retired military ID card receive \$2 off daily green fees and 50 percent off electric cart rentals.

**Member First Discounts** – 10 percent discount off annual, quarterly and monthly greens fees. Half off club rentals and \$2 off cart rental for 18 holes.

## Outdoor Recreation

**Wolf Creek Thanksgiving Ski Kickoff** – Nov. 23-26, \$310 for a single. Ski or snowboard for two full days in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Accommodations are a

short walk to the hot springs, and downtown shopping and eating areas. The hotel features an indoor swimming pool, a hot tub and includes a continental breakfast. Deadline to sign up is Nov 14.

**Annual holiday tree cutting trip and light parade** – Dec. 9, \$20 for adults, \$15 for 12 and younger. Kickoff the holiday season in Ruidoso. The Festival of Lights and a tree cutting trip will welcome the holiday spirit.

Proper towing accessories are necessary to take the tree home from Outdoor Recreation.

Sign up deadline is Dec. 4. Depart at 10 a.m. and return at 11 p.m.

## End Zone

**Football Frenzy** – Football Frenzy kicks off at 10 a.m. every Sunday. Don't forget to stop by for Monday Night Football at 5 p.m.



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